It is curious to reflect how

Everybody knows that Henry

Ford makes more automobiles than any other man in the

But how many persons out-

known as the largest furniture manufacturing center in Amer-

For a generation the Penn-sylvania Railroad has been ac-

cepted as the "premier railroad" in America. But very few of us have ever stopped to ask

I know, and you know, that

Texas is the largest State in

We have been taught for many years that Pittsburgh was the great steel city of

In the oil industry, Standard

Oil has so completely occupied the public's imagination that

not a thought has been given

by the public to which concern

trailed along in the second place.

Edison has for a generation

been acclaimed as our greatest

Who ranks next to him? I don't know and I'm fairly cer-

Any ten-year-old child can

Immediately give you the cor-rect reply when you ask, "Which is the tallest building in

You would probably be stumped if asked the name of

The United States Steel Cor-

**Tumulty Asks Court** 

**Crandall Theaters Host** 

children.
Committees appointed from the
membership of the Public Service
and Educational Department of the

Crandall theaters, of which Mrs. Harriet Hawley Locher is director, were in charge of the parties.

director.

tain you don't know.

the world?"

the next largest.

which road ranked next.

look it up!)

second place.

But how many of us would

BUSINESS AND TRADE

#### We are a great nation for CONGRESS MAY END D.C.-MARYLAND LICENSE DISPUTE ro-worship. We also worship bigness. If a man is not the greatest leader in his line or

# if a corporation isn't the largest in its line, we are little interested in him, or it. First or nowhere. That's the American motto. It is curious to reflect how great is the difference in our attitude between the greatest and the second greatest, between the fellow at the top and the fellow on the next step of the ladder. Perhaps this indifference to anything short of the greatest or hierarch is a stimulation.

or best or biggest is a stimu-lating national trait. Perhaps it does something to spur in-dividuals and organizations to increase their efforts to reach Representative Drafts Amendment to Farm Bill Suggesting Country-wide Reciprocity

Every school boy has for years known the name of the richest man in America.

But who knows or bothers very much about who is the next richest? WOULD EXERT PRESSURE

Measure to Prohibit Federal **Doles for Highways Unless** Proposition Is Satisfactory

Reciprocity between all States side the industry could tell which concern makes the next of the Union and the District of largest number?
It is rather generally known that Marshall Field and Company is the largest dry goods house in the United States.
But which ranks next? Columbia in the matter of automobile licenses will be sought in an amendment to be proposed to the pending agriculture appropriation bill, it was announced yesterday by Representative Charles F. Grand Rapids is universally Curry (Republican) of California. OVERLOOKED IN RUSH.

In the rush to complete consideration of the bill in the House be ever guess that the second largest center is High Point, N. C.? (I didn't know it until yesterfore the Christmas holidays the proposal was allowed to go over, but Representative Curry stated that he will take it up with members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that will handle the measure He is hopeful that he can interest them in the wisdom of the amendment and is confident that if the bill comes back to the House with the proposition included, the House will accept it.

Representative Curry's idea is that reciprocity can be brought about through an amendment to the section appropriating \$29,300,000 Find out for yourself which omes next. (I would have to for State aid in road construction. The proposed amendment would provide that no allotment should be made from the Federal road fund to any State which did not extend reciprocity in motor licenses to all other States and the District of Co

Not many of us have known or cared which city occupies SITUATION HERE CITED.

As all States have been getting millions of dollars from the national government for road building, he does not believe any of them would give up this aid by refusing to

grant reciprocity.

Success for Representative Curry's plan would be of great benefit io motorists over the country, who suffer from friction existing between ome States that refuse to honor the licenses of one another. Particular difficulty is experienced betwen the District of Columbia and Maryland, due to Maryland's refusal to recog

### **Knights of Columbus**

To Entertain Orphans

Toys, candy and entertainment will be furnished the inmates of the various orphanges in this city dur ing the annual Christmas tree part of the Knights of Columbus Satur day afternoon at the organization's clubhouse, 920 Tenth street northwest, according to an announcement last night by Ben Cravosl, chairman of the general committee. District Commissioner James F.

(Continued on Page 10, Column 8) Tumulty Asks Court

To Prevent Eviction

Joseph P. Tumulty. secretary of symmer President Woodrow Wilson, appealed to the District. Ovster will deliver a brief address

#### som, appealed to the District of Columbia Supreme Court yesterday to prevent being ousted from his offices in the Southern Building at Fifteenth and H streets north-Sues Theater Company For Death In Crash

For Death In Crash
Ruth E. Postley, administratrix
of the estate of Helen Dortch, filed
suit yesterday in the District Supreme Court against the Knickerbocker Theater Company for \$10,000
damages for the death of Miss
Dortch, who was crushed under the
roof when it caved in on January
28. The deceased was survived by
a mother, Mrs. Hattie W. Dortch,
of Berryville, Va., and other relatives.

Welcome the guests and during the
afternoon there is to be a reception trict Supreme Court, and Mrs. McCoy, are to be honor guests tomight at a reception at the Burlington Hotel, which is to be held
by the Association of the Americanization Schools. Senator Arthur
Capper will preside.

The lobby concert will begin at
a o'clock and will include Kaspar
Violin Trio, Warren L. Terry, tenor;
of Berryville, Va., and other relatives.

Chief Justice McCoy, of the Disafternoon there is to be a reception
in the Sir George Williams' room.
The board of managers and the
sucretarial staff will meet the
guests. The festivities will open
at 2 o'clock with music by the
Lee House trio.

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The Association Schools was recently
organized from among the graduates of the Americanization classes
of the public schools. More than
the Mysterious present to at Fifteenth and H street.

As a result of the appeal, the southern Building Company, owners of the property, were ordered by Justice Frederick L. Siddons to appear on January 5 and shownear on January 5 and by Justice Frederick L. Siddons to appear on January 5 and show cause why they should not be enjoined from proceeding with an eviction case in the Municipal Court. The eviction proceedings are not directed at Mr. Tumulty, but at former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, who turned the offices in question over to Mr. Tumulty. The lease stands in the name of Mr. EFT ESTATE OF \$20,000.

Clarence D. Wright, who died November 15 last, left an estate valued at in excess of \$20,000, ac-cording to the petition for letters of administration filed yesterday in Probate Court by his brother, George B. Wright. To Newsboys of District Newsboys from every Washington newspaper were guests of the Crandall Theater management at the Metropolitan Theater yesterday, while upward of 10,000 children from all sections of the city were entertained at the various Crandall playhouses on Christmas Day.

Children from the St. Rose Technical School, the Atypical School of Southeast Washington and youngsters in charge of Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter and Mrs. William Wolfe Smith were also entertained at the Metropolitan Theater yesterday. Gifts were distributed to all of the children.

### THROWN FROM WAGON.

William Rice, colored, thirty-one years old, of Forestville, Md., was thrown from a wagon yesterday when the horse became frightened and bolted. Rice was taken to Casualty Hospital.

### Misses Shooting But "Hits" Jail

Wesley McCloud, who came out of the hospital Christmas Day with Crandall theaters, of which Mrs. Harriet Hawley Locher is director, were in charge of the parties.

TALK ON "AUTO GYPSIES."

C. J. Blanchard, of the Department of Interior, will explain the "New Wonder Lands of the Auto Gypsy," at a meeting of the University Club, at 8:30 o'clock, Friday night, according to an announcement made last night by Claude H. Bennett, chairman of the committee on argungements.

of the hospital Christmas Day with his tongue hanging out for chicken, whole doad of buckshot from a gun in the hands of Ernest White, proprietor of a chicken coop, but caught a sixty-day sentence yesterday in Police Court on a charge of attempted house-bright was on watch for the intruder with a dog and a shot-intruder with a dog and

## Man's Wedding To Stepmother .Called Illegal

THROUGH a mistake of the Tracest sort, a license was issued yesterday in the Dis-trict of Columbia Supreme Court permitting twenty-eight-year-old Siba L. Christie to marry Mrs. Bessie L. Christie. forty-two-year-old step

The marriage, which is in direct violation of the District of Columbia code, was performed by Judge Robert E. Mattingly, of the Municipal Court, who was not aware of the relationship—such not show ing on the license

This makes the third ventur in matrimony for Mrs. Christie she was divorced from her first husband. Her present husband's father died. Both have een living at 607 O street porthwest and are now reported on their honeymoon. ven though the marriage is illegal. The clerk who issued the license acted upon the theory that since the couple were not related by blood there was nothing to prevent the marriage, but a search of the code revealed otherwise.

# SURPLUS DUE SOON

Senator Phipps Expects Facts On Claim For Five Millions This Week.

Whether Washington is to have approximately \$5,000,000, claimed to have been deposited with the United States Treasury in excess from an auditing firm which has been going over the accounts. The report is expected before the end of the week, according to Senator Phipps, chairman of the joint com-mittee which is investigating.

Members of the committee, comorising three Representatives and three Senators, refused yesterday to predict to whom the money three Senators, retused yesterday to predict to whom the money would go. They have had from the auditing firm only a preliminary report on the method of balancing

The District's claim is predicated upon the belief of city officials that approximately a million dollars a year, over and above the 60 per cent quota of expenses, has been cent quota of expenses, has been paid into the Treasury since 1916. District Auditor Daniel J. Donovan, explained yesterday that this has been possible because of the system of bookkeeping employed by the Treasury. Receipts from the District have been listed under "miscellaneous receipts" and have not been tabulated on a District account. The last appropriation bill, however, provided that the Treasury should open an account with the District.

### Y. M. C. A. to Keep Open House On New Year

Open house is to be observed at the Central Y. M. C. A. New Year

Day.

The trustees, board of managers, and the officers will be present to welcome the guests and during the welcome is to be a reception

nan, the Mysterious, magician.

## LEFT ESTATE OF \$20,000. CANCEL SCHOOL CONTRACT.

The District Commissioners have nullified their contract with the H. D. Watts Company for erection of the Bell School, Second street northwest, which is now 76 per cent completed. The Commissioners allege the construction company was lag-

### CITIZENS' MEETING CALLED.

will meet at the Providence Baptist Church, M street, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets, southwest, Friday night at 3 o'clock, according to an announcement made last night by James A. Eilis, secretary of the organization.

# **BERLIN POLICE BEG**

Letters Received By Members of Capital Force Tell of Harsh Home Conditions.

BRANDED AS "BLEEDERS"

Major Sullivan Urges His Men to Pay No Attention to Such Requests.

German policemen are accused of ttempting to "bleed" Washington officers, in a request for an in vestigation of the Berlin depart-ment that will be forwarded by Maj David Sullivan to the chief of police

of the German capital.

The charges are the outcome of a number of letters received by police at the First precinct station FORWARDED TO CHIEF.

The last of the letters written by M. Richter, Berlin policeman, was received yesterday. It will be forwarded to the office of Major Sullivan by Captain Brown of the Sullivan by Captain Brown of the First precinct station, after which official action will be taken.

official action will be taken.

"It is nothing more than an effort to 'bleed' the Washington policemen by the German' officers who think they can obtain some easy money," stated Inspector William S. Shelby, when informed of the contents of the letter, "Although I can not order the men under my command to disregard the letter, I earnestly advise them not to send any money."

ASK FOR SECRECY ASK FOR SECRECY.

"The fact that the Berlin officer equests the Washington policemen to keep the appeal secret from the latter's commanding officers and from the public proves that the matter is illegitimate," stated Lieu-tenant Beckett, acting captain of the First precinct station. "If the superior officers of Germany would sanction such a move on the part of their subordinates no request for secrecy would be made," h

quotation from the letter to of its proportionate share of District expenses, will be determined this week when a report is received from an auditing firm which has cessity for an investigation," stated another Washington police official. MONEY LOST EN ROUTE.

"There are a number of persons in Washington who are continually sending American money to their alleged starving relatives in Ger-many and it is a shame, according

many and it is a shame, according to the letter just received, that the money is seized before it reaches the relatives," he declared.

The letter, in part, follows:
Dear Comrade: I hereby take privilege in asking you whether you received my letter of the twenty-sixth.

Since writing my first letter commodities, clothing, etc., have advanced 25 per cent, but our wages have not gone up. Could you, through canvassing, collect a couple of dollars and send then to me?

Make sure you send the money,

but conceal it, otherwise some one will notice it and confiscate it. We have information that it. We have information that letters coming from America in which money is sent very seldom reach their destination with the money. Write a separate letter the money. Please be careful of this letter and do not make it public in any way, because it may cause some drawback.

Americanization Pupils To Honor Justice McCoy Chief Justice McCoy, of the Dis rict Supreme Court, and Mrs. Mc

of the public schools. More than 100 members will be present to welcome the chief justice and his wife. A business meeting will pre-cede the reception, the latter being scheduled to start at 9 o'clock.

# Committee Will Make

Survey of D. C. Traffic A survey of the traffic conditions of the District of Columbia will be of the District of Columbia will be made by the subcommittee on safety and traffic of the Board of Trade committee on public order, which will meet at the Providence Baptist Church, M street, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth etreet.

# What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

TODAY Christmas Dance — Argyle Country Club, Georgia avenue and Decatur street northwest, 8 p. m. Christmas Pageant—"The Journey to Sethlehem." Grace Episcopal Church,

HERBERT HOOVER, JR., has fust succeeded in communicating by radio with stations in Switzerland, using his own amateur outfit, which he is shown testing at the Bureau of Standards here. He will take the set with him to Leland Stanford, which he attends.



# HOME STRETCH

Hearings On Reclassification Bill to Be Completed This Week.

Hearings on the Sterling reclas sification bill, which will be resumed today by the Senate subreported to the Senate immediately thereafter, according

Senator Sterling, author of the measure, expressed confidence that the committee would report the bill in such a form that it would be acceptable to the Senate. canvassed the members said he has found practically no

opposition.

Delegations from the several departments will appear at today's hearing. Senator Smoot said yes-terday that points under discus-sion now indicate that there will have to be a number of changes in the bill before it will be "work He would not discuss th nature of these changes, but said they would be brought out in the

### WILL NAME COMMITTEES. Committees will be announced Friday at a meeting of the North

Capitol and Eckington Citizens' As-sociation, at Emery School, Eelden M. Ely, president of the association,

## Reads of Own Disappearance

William P. Carson got a thrill yesterday afternoon when he started reading afternoon newspapers carrying detailed stories of his mysterious disappearance from the home of his brother, O. Fred Carson, 3508 O street northwest.

The brother reported to the police yesterday that his brother was missing from his room and he feared that he had been diswned in the Potomac. The was in Baltimore pers carrying detailed stories

## **Tries to Drown Herself** in Canal

An unidentified woman about fifty rears old tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal near Chain Bridge yesterday afternoon.

Two men, hearing her strike the water, rushed to the canal's edge and pulled her out, after she had gone down the third time. The men gave her first-aid treatment and brought her to Georgetown University Hospital. They would not give their names.

Up to a late hour last night the woman refused to tell her man why she tried to end her life. Police are investigating.

# DECREASE REPORTED

Three Fewer Killed In Street Accidents In 1922 Than Previous Year.

Fifty-three persons were killed in

fiscated.

Liugi Perticari, thirty-four years old, and Llugi Laggarum, thirty-two years old, were arrested and taken to the First precinct station, where they were charged with having illegal possession of intoxicating liquors.

WILL NAME COREST

year.
The License Office issued 19,000 more tags for automobiles this year than in 1921.
Homicides in the District for 1922 decreased by ten against the previous year. In 1922 there were thirty-savan homicides, while there

#### were forty-seven in 1921. EAVES ESTATE OF \$140,000

Mrs. Sara F. Schwartz, who died March 20 last, left real estate valued at \$140,000, according to the valued at \$140,000, according to the petition for letters testamentary filed yesterday in Probate Court by her husband, Ben Schwartz. The property is located at \$20 F street property is located at \$20 F street

# DISTRICT WILL SEND

Three Drug Peddlers Among Those to Be Taken to Atlanta.

Sentenced in District courts for various crimes, twenty-seven men, five white, will be transferred from the District jail to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta this morn-

of Capt. George Ratherdale and Samuel T. Brooks, chief clerk of the District jail. The trip will be made in a special car attached to a Board of Trade.

sentenced for peddling narcotic CONGESTION FEARED.

Hundreds Watch Raid

On Italian Restaurant
Hundreds of pedestrians were attracted yesterday afternoon by a raid made upon the Venice American-Italian cafe, 612 Ninth street northwest, by police of the First precinct and internal revenue agents. Several patrons were at the place at the time, but there was no disorder.

Four gallons of wine and whiskey, several empty ten-gallon kegs, one gallon jars and marked money which is alleged to have been paid by an agent at last night's cetebration, are said to have been confiscated.

Liugi Perticari, thirty-four wars. five years; Bernard F. Casson, two years; Joseph Colliver, robbery ten years; Charles White, grand larceny, ten years; John Carter robbery, ten years; Joseph Carter robbery, ten years; Thomas Kent robbery, ten years; Benjamin Green robbery, five years; Joseph F. Wes-ton, housebreaking, one year and six months, and Sylvester Thomas, grand larceny, two years.

### BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

Isadore Reichman, drygoods mer-chant, 801 H street northeast, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy yesterday in the District Suprem Court. Through Attorney Louis Ot-tenberg, he lists his assets at \$7,910 and his liabilities at \$18,536.

ARGYLE CLUB TO DANCE.

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Board of Trade Committee Fa vors Strip of Parking at the Entrance of New Structu

BAD CONGESTION FEARER

Plan to Separate Tracks at Vehicular Roadway Is Hel of Most Vital Important

Means to relieve congested traf fic conditions, which are expecte to result from the present architectural plan of the M street entrance to the new Key Bridge, will be taken at a meeting of the bridges committee of the Washington Board of Trade today. ASK PARKING SPACE. According to plans now under

consideration by the committee authorities will be caked to pre vide a short strip of parking be-tween the railroad tracks and the vehicular road, in order to facili-tate the moving of traffic at the entrance. This separation is asked only for the M street entrance, ac-cording to George Offutt, jr., chair

man of the committee.

Under the present proposed arrangement, no such separation of street car and vehicular traffic is provided for, the lack of which, it has been pointed out, is almost sure to cause excessive congestion. IS MAIN ARTERY.

The new Key Bridge will be of the principal arteries between Washington and Virginia, and Washington and Virginia, and e-cording to committee members, a possible steps should be taken t make it as "open" as is pra-ticable. The present Georgetow Bridge handles a huge volume a traffic daily, and it is expects that with the opening of the ne Key Bridge this traffic will is crease. Farmers of nearby Virgini are among the largest users of the

he District jail. The trip was also made in a special car attached to a met with the approval, it is said.

Three of the white men were the Police Traffic Bureau.

drugs. They are Bernard B. Kidwell, Raymond Hitte and Wilson F. Marvel. Kidwell and Marvel will serve three years and Hitte five years. The others and their sentences are:

Thomas Vaughn, housebreaking, Thomas Vaughn, housebreaking, at least one stop on the bridge. at least one stop on the bridge, most likely at the M street en-trance, and that with this stoppage,

trance, and that with this stoppage, the entire stream of traffic behind the car will likewise be halted.

Meting in the offices of its chairman, Frederick F. Fenning, in the Evans building, the matter of a new national guard armory will be discussed at 4:15 p. m. today by the special committee on military and naval affairs of the Board of Trade.

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### W.P. CARSON w.p. CASON Potomac. The missing brother was in Baltimore when he first saw his photograph looking at him from page one of the newspapers. He hurried back to newspapers. He hurried back the n Enlist the Whole Family, If You Can. At Least Start One Account McLachlen Banking Corporation Bethlehem." Grace Episcopai Church, 7:45 p. m. Address.—"The Evolution of the Federal Reserve Bank," open meeting of the District Bankers' Association, New Macaonic Temple. 5 p. m. Postponement—Opening performance of Ram's Head Players, owing to illness Southwest Branch, 1350 B Street TENTH and G STS. N. W.